

MARCH 15th, 1814.

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Read the first and second time and committed to a committee of the whole house on Thursday next.

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## A Bill

*Concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines, in the navy of the United States.*

1       *Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives*  
2   *of the United States of America in congress assembled, That*  
3   the pay to be allowed to the petty officers and midshipmen, and  
4   the pay and bounty upon enlistment of the seamen, ordinary sea-  
5   men, and marines, shall be fixed by the president of the United  
6   States: *Provided*, That the whole sum to be given for the whole  
7   pay aforesaid, and for the pay of officers, and that the amount  
8   of bounties upon enlistment of seamen and marines, shall not  
9   exceed for any year the amount which may, in such year, be ap-  
10  propriated for those purposes respectively.

1       *Sec. 2. Be it further enacted*, That the president be, and he is  
2   hereby authorised to make an addition, not exceeding  
3   per cent., to the pay of the officers, petty officers, midshipmen,  
4   seamen, and marines, engaged in any service, the hardships or  
5   disadvantages of which shall, in his judgment, render such an  
6   addition necessary.